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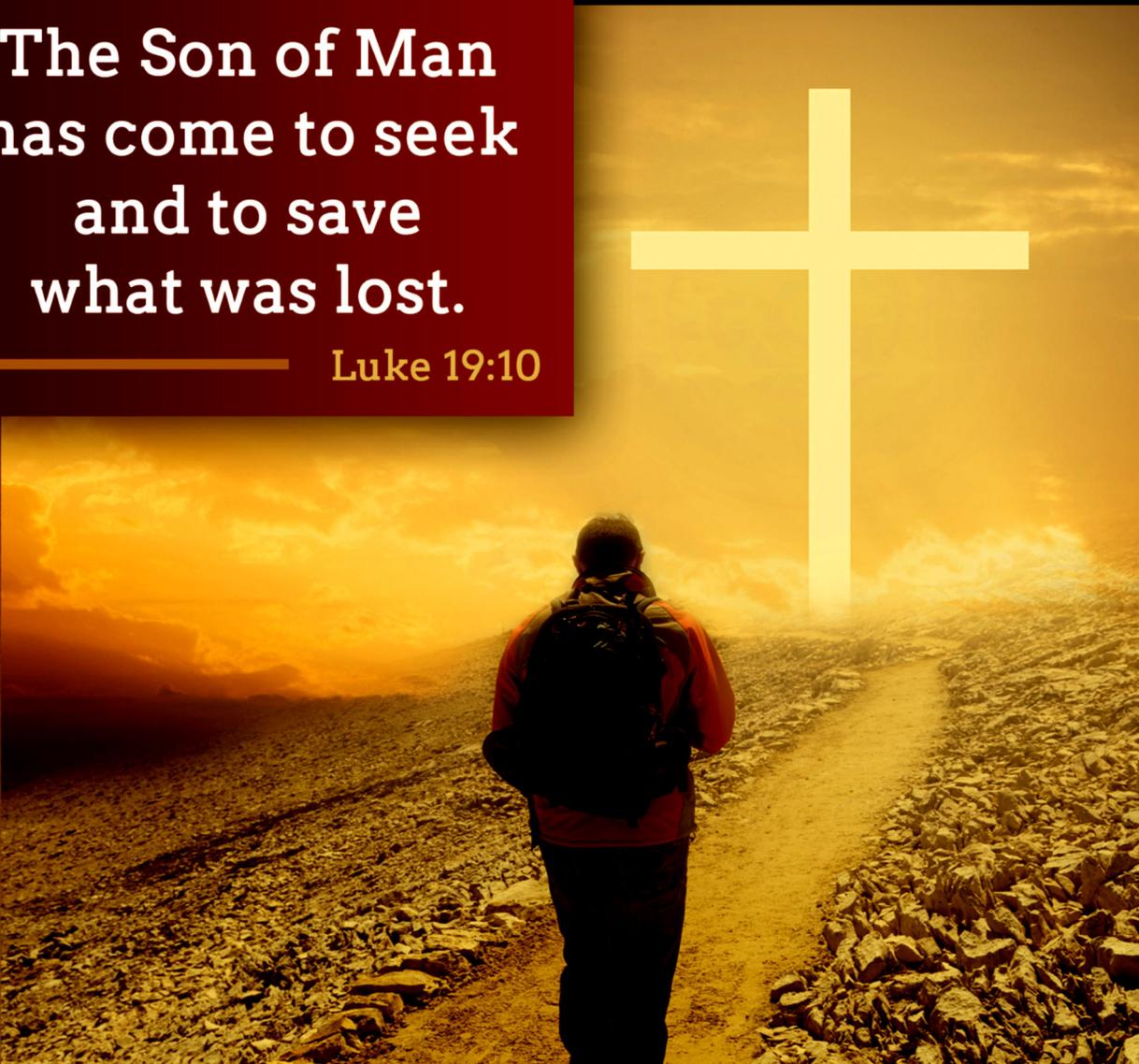
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October 30, 2016

**The Son of Man
has come to seek
and to save
what was lost.**

Luke 19:10



Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Times

Mon-Fri: 7:00 am & 8:30 am
Wed: 7:00 pm (Spanish)
Saturday: 8:30 am

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm
7:00 pm (Spanish)

Sunday: 6:45 am, 8:00 am, 9:30 am,
11:00 am, 12:30 pm (Spanish), 6:00 pm

Sign Language: 1st Sun, 11:00 am
Vietnamese: 4th Sun, 3:30 pm

Confession

Saturday, in the Church
9:00 am & 3:45 pm
6:15 pm in Spanish
1st & 3rd Wed, Convent Chapel, 2:30 pm

Anointing of the Sick

1st Saturday after 8:30 am Mass or by
appointment: 925-447-1585

Eucharistic Adoration

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Sunday Readings

To Seek and Save the Lost

First Reading

**LORD, you love all things that exist
(Wisdom 11:22 -- 12:2).**

This reading is a magnificent combination of poetry and religious and philosophical reflection. What a wonderful insight it is that God cannot hate the sinner. He would only create and preserve in existence what he loves. Even the most heinous sinner is God's creation of love. God isn't the enemy of the sinner; it's the sins of the sinner that are a threat to him.

One author says of this reading that it presents a "theology of anxiety," God's anxiety for those souls who have rejected him. All of his actions in the economy of salvation have this anxiety over the sinner at their root. Our faith in the God of love requires that we believe that every action he's reported as taking in the Scriptures is inspired by one motive only—love of souls. We must always remember that God's mercy doesn't aim at excusing or condoning sin. He loves the sinner too much to do that. Rather, Wisdom tells us, "you overlook people's sins that they may repent." Our repentance is nothing other than our way of reciprocating God's love for us.

Second Reading

**May the name of Christ be glorified
in you and you in him (2 Thessaloni-
ans 1:11 -- 2:2).**

Written twenty years or so after Christ's death, both the first and second letters to the Thessalonians

are rich with encouragement for the local church which Paul had founded. This little church seems to have been blessed with God's favor since it flourished, even in the absence of the apostolic presence of Paul. His praise and direction aims largely at making slight corrections in teaching and in seeing that their faith is properly expressed. In this reading, one of Paul's concerns is the misunderstanding that some seem to have gained from possibly fabricated reports that "the day of the Lord" had arrived. That phrase was used to refer to the Second Coming of Jesus.

Paul assures the faithful that the day hasn't arrived and goes on to remind readers of what he told them while he was with them about the events which must transpire before Christ's return. It's worth noting that nothing Paul says suggests that the events surround the coming of the "lawless man," who's to precede the Second Coming, are imminent at the time of his writing. From what Paul tells us here, the common assertion that the early Christians believed that Jesus was to return at any moment could be questioned.

Gospel

Zacchaeus, a tax collector, considered to be a sinner, is converted to the Lord (Luke 19:1-10).

This week Jesus again addresses himself to a covenant outsider, Zacchaeus, a tax collector in Jericho. Zacchaeus was a rich man, the chief tax collector in a wealthy region. Chief tax collectors often employed tax collecting agents to do the dirty work of extortion of the local peo-

Reflections

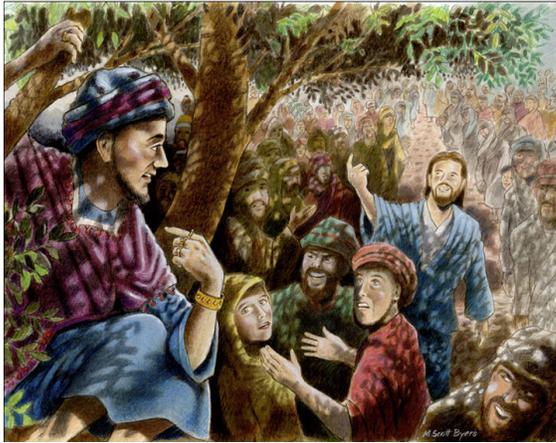


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ple in collaboration with the Roman authorities, which made these men outcasts in Jewish society. Zacchaeus' small stature would've made it a necessity to employ others to handle the rough stuff, which likely made him all the more hated by the local populace.

When those who observed that Jesus had allowed himself to be invited to the house of a sinner began to murmur, Zacchaeus doesn't dispute what they assert about him, but, by repenting, instantly turns himself into a righteous "descendant of Abraham," as Jesus calls him. Zacchaeus wouldn't have been required by the Mosaic Law to make a fourfold restitution for the evil he had done, still less to give half his wealth to the poor. He demonstrates for us that in the new regime which Jesus establishes as the kingdom of God, covenant outsiders such as Zacchaeus can, in an instant, become "descendants of Abraham."

Mediation

Building on today's Gospel reading, imagine Jesus has come to visit your town. But instead of going to the

house of your parish priest or even the most generous, kind, faithful members of your community, he goes straight to the home of the person you dislike the most. How would that make you feel? Would you rejoice that Jesus was calling this perhaps lost soul into a relationship? Or would you be like the people in Zacchaeus' time—grumbling and complaining, wondering why on earth Jesus would want anything to do with that person? Now imagine that as Jesus gets ready to enter that person's house, he turns to you. What would you say to Jesus before he entered that house?

Think of the person in your life that you most struggle with for whatever reason. Ask Jesus to visit that person, to show his love to him or her in a new way. Ask him how you can be a better friend, neighbor, etc., to that person. Perhaps ask Jesus how you can show his love to him or her.

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Readings for the Week

Monday: Phil 2:1-4; Ps 131:1bcde-3; Lk 14:12-14

Tuesday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24:1-6; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a

Wednesday: Wis 3:1-9; Ps 23:1-6; Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9; Jn 6:37-40, or any readings from no. 668 or from Masses for the Dead, nos. 1011-1016

Thursday: Phil 3:3-8a; Ps 105:2-7; Lk 15:1-10

Friday: Phil 3:17 -- 4:1; Ps 122:1-5; Lk 16:1-8

Saturday: Phil 4:10-19; Ps 112:1b-2, 5-6, 8a, 9; Lk 16:9-15

Saints and Special Observances

Tuesday: Solemnity of All Saints (Holy Day of Obligation)

Wednesday: The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)

Thursday: St. Martin de Porres

Friday: St. Charles Borromeo; First Friday

Saturday: First Saturday; Blessed Virgin Mary

Prayer to St Michael

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the divine power of God, cast into hell satan, and all the evil spirits, who roam through out the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

Prayers

Traditional Prayer for the Dead

English

V. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.

R. And let the perpetual light shine upon them.

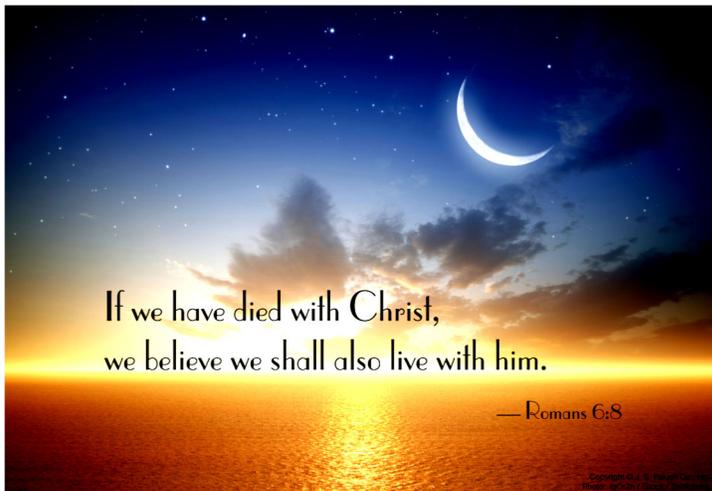
And may the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Latin

V. Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domine.

R. Et lux perpetua luceat eis.

Fidelium animae, per misericordiam Dei, requiescant in pace. Amen.



Special Intentions

For those seeking elected office in our country, that they may seek the truth that is Jesus Christ. For all Catholics of voting age, that each may develop a well-formed conscience in alignment with the teachings of Christ and His church.

For the sanctity of human life from conception until natural death, and for the conversion of our culture.

For the repose of the souls of Bill Cantril, Antoinette Tejada, Ralph E. Melendez and Eleanor Sahlin.

Send prayer requests to Prayers@StMichaelLivermore.com.

Mass Intentions

Saturday 10/29

8:30am Belarmino Torio †

5:00pm Mary Mitchell

7:00pm Juan Manuel & Arturo
Suarez and Daniel McClenan

Sunday 10/30

6:45am Dena Piroosko †

8:00am Andrea Quinones †

9:30am Quintina Echon †

11:00am Antony Pham Van Hoi †

12:30pm Mass for Our Parish

6:00pm Maria Sepic †

Monday 10/31

7:00am The Souls in Purgatory

8:30am Aurora G & Noli Tamase

Tuesday 11/1

7:00am Mariano & Rosalina Goce †

8:30am Patricia Werner †

5:30 pm Joe & Jo Goralka †

7:00 pm Clement C. Ezekwem †

Wednesday 11/2

7:00am William Lawrence †

8:30am John Aflague

7:00pm Ernesto Torres †

Thursday 11/3

7:00am Benjamin Pades †

8:30am Tri Nguyen †

Friday 11/4

7:00am The Souls in Purgatory

8:30am Edward Amos †

Saturday 11/5

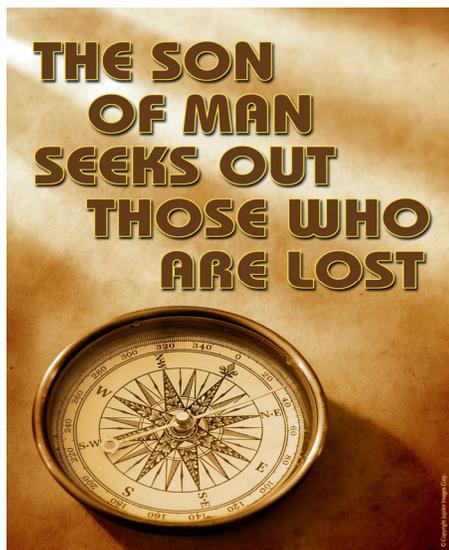
8:30am Keith Moreland †

5:00pm Ramona Silva

7:00pm The Souls in Purgatory

To request a mass intention, please visit the church office.

News & Articles



Parishioners at St. Michael's Helped A Woman and Her Grandchildren

Recently, a woman approached the Help Desk at St Vincent de Paul on Second street. She had custody of her two grandchildren when her husband suddenly died. At that point, his Social Security benefit stopped and the Widow's benefit would take 30-45 days to process. She needed \$800 to help cover the rent or else she and her young grandchildren would be homeless.

Thanks to the funding we receive from St Michael parishioners, we were able to help her and her family in their moment of crisis.

When you make financial offerings to St Vincent de Paul, you directly help people just like this woman. Please help us bring Christ to people by generously supporting St Vincent de Paul in the second collection this Sunday.

Deacon Rob to Resign as Business Manager

Effective November 15th, due to personal reasons, Deacon Rob Federle will resign as business manager at St. Michael's. He will remain as an active deacon at our parish.

We thank Deacon Rob for his service as we continue to pray for him.

We are accepting applications for the position of Business Manager. Please inquire in the church office at 925-447-1585 x 10.

Duty to Vote According to a Well-Formed Conscience

We are fast approaching election day. The news is filled with debate and commentary on the various candidates running for public office on the national, state, and local levels. We, as voters, are faced with important decisions that we will make when we enter the voting booth on November 8h.

How do we make our decisions on election day? The Church exhorts all Catholics to evaluate candidates and their positions in light of the Gospel and the moral and social teaching of the Church. The Church does not endorse particular parties or candidates. The Church insists, however, on the serious obligation of Catholics to vote according to their consciences, consciences that are well-formed in accord with hu-

man reason and the teaching of the Church.

Conscience is not a mere "feeling." Some will say that they are acting according to their conscience, but they have not attempted to make sound moral judgments based on the truths of our faith. The formation of a good conscience is vitally important in our moral lives and decision-making, including our exercise of the right to vote.

The Bishops of the United States describe several elements in the formation of conscience:

1. "First, there is a desire to embrace goodness and truth. For Catholics this begins with a willingness and openness to seek the truth and what is right by

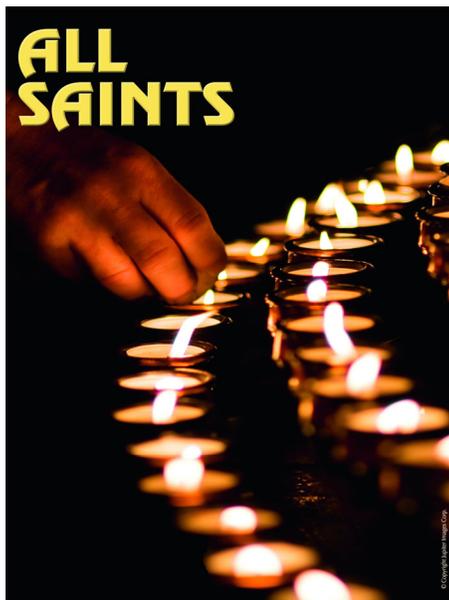


studying Sacred Scripture and the teaching of the Church as contained in the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

2. It is also important to examine the facts and background information about various choices.
3. Finally, prayerful reflection is essential to discern the will of God." (Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship #18).

<http://www.todayscatholicnews.org/2012/10/duty-to-vote-according-to-a-well-formed-conscience/>

Events



“On Sundays and other holy days of obligation the faithful are bound to participate in the Mass.”
Catechism of the Catholic Church #2192

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION **Solemnity of All Saints** Nov 1, Various Times

Mass will be celebrated at St Michael's at 7:00 am, 8:30 am, 5:30 pm and 7:00 pm (Spanish). If you will not be in Livermore at these times, please check with the Catholic parishes nearest to you for Mass times.

Afternoon Confession Nov 2 at 2:30 pm

New! In addition to our regular Saturday Confession times (see page 1), Confession is available every 1st and 3rd Wednesday at 2:30 pm in the Convent Chapel.

Anointing of the Sick Nov 5, After 8:30 am Mass

Those who are seriously ill, facing surgery or suffering the effects of aging are invited to receive Anointing of the Sick after the 8:30 am Mass on Saturday, November 5. Do not wait until death is very near to receive this sacrament! Those who are in the hospital or a care center should contact the facility chaplain to make arrangements for a priest to come to them. Those who are homebound and cannot get to church can call the church office at 925-447-1585 to make a sick call appointment.

Second Collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Nov 6 at Mass

New! The Archdiocese for the Military Services was created by Pope John Paul II to provide the Catholic Church's full range of pastoral ministries and spiritual services to those in the US Armed Forces. This includes more than 220 installations in 29 countries, patients in 153 V.A. Medical Centers, and federal employees serving outside the boundaries of the USA in 134 countries. Numerically, the AMS is responsible for more than 1.8 million men, women, and children. Please give as generously as you can.

Birthday Blessings Nov 6 at Mass

New! Those with a birthday in November are invited to stand for a special blessing at Mass.

Fr. Van on Pilgrimage Nov 6- 17

Fr. Van and parishioners will be on pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Please keep them in your prayers.

Mass Offered for All Souls Nov 5, 11:00 am St. Michael's Cemetery

A plenary indulgence, applicable ONLY to the souls in purgatory, is obtainable. Eucharist, Confession and prayers for the Pope are prerequisites.



Wine & Food Extravaganza Nov 5, 6 pm at St. Charles

Your all-inclusive ticket provides you with the following: a wide array of ethnic finger foods from diverse parishioners of St Michael and St Charles, tastings from several Livermore Valley wineries, live music, and a silent auction.

Tickets are \$20 per person in advance by contacting Dennis Lundbom at 775-772-6369 or after Mass

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More Events

Parish Offices Closed Nov 11

In observance of Veterans Day, parish offices will be closed. There will be no 7:00 am Mass, but 8:30 am Mass will be celebrated as usual.

Dominican Sisters Discernment Retreat Nov 11-13

The Dominican Sisters San Rafael welcome single Catholic women (ages 18 - 40) to attend a prayerful "no-pressure" weekend to explore the spiritual practice of discernment as we reflect on the question: "Where is God calling me?" For information or to RSVP, please contact Reena Roskopf at 415-257-4939

Santa's Secret Service Gift Appeal Nov 12-13, At All Masses

Founded in 1959 at St Michael Parish, Santa's Secret Service is dedicated to witnessing Jesus Christ's call to service and charity. The organization has solicited and delivered well over a million Christmas gifts to those in care centers, hospitals and homebound people. At all Masses on 11/12-11/13, you will have the opportunity to pick up an instruction sheet and purchase a gift for a special person. Wrapped gifts with tags need to be brought back to the church the following weekend, 11/19-11/20.

Marriage Encounter Weekend Nov 18-20, Pleasanton

Sign up today to attend our upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter-Weekend on Nov 18-20. Early registration, 4 to 6 weeks out is highly recommended. For more information contact Mike & Jeanne at 925-672-2016 or Joe & Sue at 925-680-7767 now or oaklandwwme.org.



Challenge of the Week

Zacchaeus was not a popular man. The short, wealthy chief tax collector was probably one of the most despised men in the community. The tax collectors in Israel were known for "taking a little off the top." And they were working for the oppressive Romans who were taxing the Jewish people. Little wonder tax collectors were at the very bottom of the popularity list of the time.

Unpopular as Zacchaeus would have been, this is precisely the person whom Jesus seeks in this week's Gospel reading. The Gospel of Luke tells us that as Jesus was passing through the city of Jericho, Zacchaeus was anxious to see Jesus. He climbed up a sycamore tree to get a better look, and to his surprise, it was not just Zacchaeus who was seeking Jesus but actually Jesus who was seeking Zacchaeus! Jesus tells Zacchaeus that he will come to his home, much to the shock of Zacchaeus and the whole crowd.

This story offers great insight into the nature of God. Jesus tells Zacchaeus that he wants to dine at his house. Imagine the expressions of the other people in the crowd that day. "What kind of a prophet is this?" Going to the chief tax collector's house was not a recipe for Jesus' popularity! But God isn't after popularity; he's after people's souls. Zacchaeus' encounter with Jesus changes his life. He comes down from the tree with joy. He confesses his sins of extortion and pledges to restore whatever he had stolen. Jesus says in the Gospel passage that he came to "seek and save what was lost." In Zacchaeus' case, he has great success!

This week, think about the "Zacchaeus" in your life, that unpopular lost soul. What is one way you can reach out to that person? Would you invite him/her to pray, come to Mass or the Adoration Chapel?



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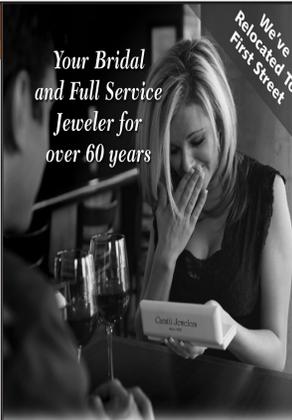


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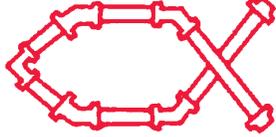

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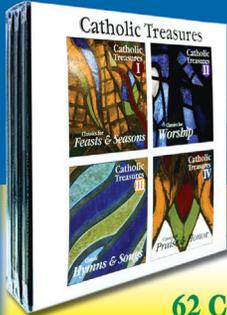
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SANTO DÍA DE OBLIGACIÓN

Martes, 1 de noviembre
Solemnidad de Todos los Santos

Misa será celebrada en San Miguel a las 7:00 am, 8:30 am a las 5:30 pm y las 7:00 pm (Español).



Misa de día de muertos St. Michael's Cemetery 5 de noviembre

La misa para recordar a nuestros difuntos se llevará a cabo el sábado 1 de noviembre en el cementerio de San Miguel a las 11 am. Todos están invitados a traer una foto de sus difuntos para el altar. Los esperamos.

Trigésimo Primer Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

MANUAL DEL USUARIO PARA LA VIDA

Si los bebés vinieran con un manual de instrucciones, de las lecturas de hoy, el libro de la Sabiduría sería el libro perfecto. Solo imagine cómo las palabras de Sabiduría podrían ser vistas en una guía para padres: "Dios ha creado este bebé por ti. ¡Felicidades! Dios no lo hubiera creado si él no lo amara mucho. El plan de Dios es que tu cuides de ese bebé, recordándote constantemente que el bebé le pertenece a Dios, quien siempre cuidará del bebé. En caso de que pecara, apriétate el corazón. Repréndele con amor y con cariño enséñale el camino correcto, porque esto es lo que hace Dios contigo".

Que excelente don de Dios es que podamos reunirnos para la liturgia y compartir juntos las Escrituras. Antes del inicio de los tiempos, Dios sabía que hoy escucharíamos la lectura del libro de la Sabiduría. Dios tenía la intención para nosotros de tomemos estas palabras en serio.

LA LIBERTAD

Estamos aquí, de hecho, solo porque Dios nunca se cansa de pensar en nosotros. Cada cosa que encontramos en nuestra vida de todos los días, entonces, se convierte en una oportunidad para volver a pensar en Dios. ¿Cómo podría conservarse algo? Pregunta el libro de la Sabiduría, y también responde: "¿si tú no lo hubieras deseado?" Con la confianza en la constante intervención de Dios en nuestra vida diaria, podemos enfrentar con libertad todas las cosas creadas. ¿Un evento en particular, situación, o cosa puede ayudarme a estar más cerca de Dios? Entonces puedo utilizarlo bien. ¿Hay algo que me aleje de Dios? Entonces puedo dejar que se vaya. San Pablo advierte a los tesalonicenses que no se alarmen por falsas profecías que distraen a la Iglesia del verdadero culto. En su caso, parece, están unidos a algo que no es Dios y por lo que necesitan redescubrir su libertad. Zaqueo, por otro lado, se acerca a la creación con una maravillosa libertad: él se sube a un árbol, literalmente, para poder ver de cerca de Jesús. Mientras estemos más cerca de Jesús, más grande es nuestra libertad.

Retiro Vocacional 2016 Mujeres solteras de 16 a 30 años

Hermanas Oblatas de Jesus Sacerdote les hace la cordial invitación al retiro vocacional en español que se llevará a cabo el 5 de noviembre. El horario y dirección será lo siguiente:

Noviembre 5 del 2016
9am a 3pm
St. Patrick's Seminary and University
320 Middlefield Rd.
Menlo Park CA , 94005

En el Convento de las Hermanas Oblatas de Jesus Sacerdote

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La Parroquia de San Miguel

En la Parroquia de San Miguel nosotros como misión celebramos los sacramentos, formamos discípulos, y llevamos a Cristo a la comunidad.

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Misa en español

Sábado 7:00 pm
Domingo 12:30 pm
Miércoles 7:00 pm

Confesión en español

Sábados 6:15-6:45 pm
Primer y tercer miércoles a las
2:30 pm en el convento

Adoración Eucarística Perpetua

Para un directorio de sus socios de oración y para el capitán de horas, llame a Elsa al 925-339-6411

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Ana Fregoso: 925-344-7150

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Bautismos, Quinceañera, Matrimonios, Confirmación

925-447-1585 x10

30 de octubre de 2016

**El Hijo del hombre
ha venido a buscar
y a salvar lo que
se había perdido.**

Lucas 19:10



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Para obtener información en español sobre eventos y noticias de nuestra parroquia.

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