

All Saints

November 1, 2009

See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God.

-1 John 3:1

WE LONG TO SEE GOD'S FACE

"Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face." This antiphon for today's responsorial psalm offers the focus for today's readings. As we on earth celebrate the triumph of all the saints—the ones officially canonized by the Church, and the countless others who have also reached heaven—we add nothing to their glory. But we give ourselves reason to hope. We, too, long to see the face of God and believe that we can one day be counted among those whose robes, as John tells us in the book of Revelation, are washed "white in the blood of the Lamb."



The passage from John's first letter offers further assurance: we are God's children who will one day see God. But today's Gospel pulls us past longing and reassurance into action. Jesus clearly tells us what we must do to be counted among the saints. We must be poor in spirit, hungry for holiness, merciful, single-hearted, and peacemakers! Then we, too, will see the face of God.

We are His Hands

We are called as Jesus commanded, "go forth and serve one another as I have served you" with our God given gifts of time, talents and treasures. Each week one or more parish ministries will host the coffee and donuts after the 8 am and 10:30 am masses. This is an opportunity for you to investigate if the ministry is a way for you to serve our parish community with your God given gifts.

Next week, November 8th, the **Ladies Guild**, the **Alter Committee**, and **St. Vincent De Paul** will be hosting the coffee and donuts. The **Ladies Guild** assists the pastor and stimulates the work of Catholic women in parish ministries and other Catholic women's organizations. This group meets once a month, conducts the annual rummage sale and Christmas Boutique, and furnishes and cares for the altar linens.

If you are interested in learning more about the **Ladies Guild** and feel called to serve in this ministry, please contact Pat Wallila at 876-9185.

The **Altar Committee** contributes to the creation of the liturgical environment by cleaning and caring to the altar, vestments, and sacred vessels used on the altar. If you are interested in learning more about the **Altar Committee** and feel called to serve in this ministry, please contact Jan Bolger at 872-2083.

St. Vincent De Paul Offers person-to-person service to those who are needy and suffering. This ministry performs works of charity, such as, visiting hospitals and nursing homes, assisting with bills, finding shelter, and solving other monetary crises. If you would like more information call Jan Bolger 872-2083.

Readings for the Week

Monday: Wis 3:1-9; Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9; Jn 6:37-40,
Tuesday: Rom 12:5-16b; Lk 14:15-24
Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10; Lk 14:25-33
Thursday: Rom 14:7-12; Lk 15:1-10
Friday: Rom 15:14-21; Lk 16:1-8
Saturday: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27; Lk 16:9-15
Sunday: 1 Kgs 17:10-16; Ps 146; Heb 9:24-28; Mk 12:38-44 [41-44]

Centering Prayer Podcasts

For those parishioners seeking information about Centering Prayer there is an excellent series entitled "The Gift of Contemplative Prayer" available at ncr.org/podcasts. The series involves four short interviews with Father Thomas Keating a Cistercian monk and one of the founders of the Centering Prayer movement. Our parish Centering Prayer group meets the first Tuesday of the month in the Small Conference Room. Please join us.

For more info call Mary Ann Neal at 877-0283.

Don't forget — your Altar of Remembrance pictures can be brought in beginning Saturday, 31 October at the 5pm Liturgy! BE MORE!



Missal reading for November 1, 2009 is located on page 72

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, November 1

All Saints Day
Daylight Savings Time Ends
Second Collection: Building Repair/Maint. & Youth
Coffee & Donuts: Secular Franciscans



Monday, November 2

All Souls Day
Noon Hot Lunch Provided by Methodist Church, main hall
5:30pm K.O.C. Monday Night Football, small hall
7:00pm RCIA Inquiry, church conf. room
7:00pm Military Rosary Makers, small hall



Tuesday, November 3

9:15am Legion of Mary, church conf. room
11:00pm Rosary Makers, church conf. room
6:30pm Centering Prayer, church conf. room

Wednesday, November 4

9:15am Cancer & Serious Illness Support, church conf. room
9:30am Mothers & Others, small hall
Noon Hot Lunch, main hall
1:00pm 50's+ Singles Group, main hall
1:00pm St. Vincent de Paul, church conf. room
7:00pm Breath of the Spirit Prayer Group, church conf. room

Thursday, November 5

7:00pm Adult Faith Formation, main hall

Friday, November 6

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament ending with Benediction
9:00am Building/Finance Committee, church conf. room
3:00pm Children's Choir Rehearsal, church

Saturday, November 7

Second Collection: Table of Plenty Thanksgiving Baskets
Liturgy of the Hours after morning mass
9:00am Secular Franciscans, church conf. room
3:00pm Sacrament of Reconciliation, church

Sunday, November 8

Second Collection: Table of Plenty Thanksgiving Baskets
Coffee & Donuts: Ladies Guild, Altar Committee, St. Vincent de Paul

Thanksgiving Food Basket Applications will be available in the office vestibule until November 17th.

LITURGY NOTES: ORDINARY TIME!



Did you know that the name given to the part of the Liturgical Year that does not fall within one of the major seasons of the Catholic Church (Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter) and does not observe any specific aspect of the Mystery of Christ is called Ordinary Time?!

If you ask our Faith Formation children, they will tell you that they know it is Ordinary Time in our parish community by the special green linens on the Ambo (from which the Liturgy of the Word occurs), on the Altar (from which the Liturgy of the Eucharist occurs), and by the color of the priest's vestments. They also will point you towards the green plants and flowers in the sanctuary. The Season of Ordinary Time numbers either 33 or 34 weeks (depending on the date of Easter), and is assigned to 2 periods within the year:

- 1.) from the day after the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord until the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday inclusive
- 2.) from the Monday after Pentecost to Evening Prayer I of the First Sunday of Advent (technically this includes but does not occur until after that Saturday Vigil Mass)

During Ordinary Time the Church continues to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection — but in its application to our earthly lives. Our Faith Formation children might also inform you that our mission during **Ordinary** Time is to find a way to be **EXTRAORDINARY!** We use the color green during this season because it reminds us of all things that are living. All living things grow — and so must we also grow in our faith, in listening to our call, and in living and seeking out our vocation of lifelong formation! Through developing and deepening our gift of faith and taking responsibility for our own formation — we become more open to the Holy Spirit who guides us! Then we are able to make our seemingly ordinary lives into an everyday way to glorify God! And THAT'S HOW WE ROLL in the Catholic Church!

Upcoming Feasts in Ordinary Time:

Sunday, 1 November: Feast of All Saints (color: WHITE)

- This IS a holy day of obligation BUT...
- EVERY Sunday is a holy day of obligation!
- SO we'll see you at Mass as usual!
- Regular schedules Saturday/Sunday Mass AND
- DON'T FORGET — Daylight Savings Ends!

Monday, 2 November: Feast of All Souls (color: GREEN)

- This is NOT a holy day of obligation
- we pray for All Souls at every mass AND
- in a special way during the month of November
- Altar of Remembrance will be up all month!

Sunday, 22 November: Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King — last weekend of Ordinary Time (color: WHITE)

- IS a holy day of obligation — as it is a Sunday!

SITTING IN THE PRESENCE OF JESUS

DID YOU KNOW that our parish has Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every First Friday of the month from 9am-6pm? We've been lucky enough to be able to do this for some time now — because of the commitment of many people who are willing to take time — some take a few minutes, some take an hour, and some take on longer — to be present with our Lord Jesus who is here and exposed in the monstrance. The Blessed Sacrament is never (and should never be) left alone — and we are grateful to some faithful parishioners whose devotion to the Blessed Sacrament is clearly a special gift. Our very own **Mary Caruana** and **Tillie Baca** have religiously (no pun intended) spent the entire day inside our church taking turns and praying together with Jesus. They come for morning mass and stay all the way through Benediction at 6pm! They bring their lunch and snacks and take turns in adoration of our Lord. Mary and Tillie were joined also every First Friday all day long until recently by our very own **Carl and Connie Presti** — who have since moved but continue to be very active in their new parish. These are great examples of ministries that happen all the time in small and quiet ways — but that are missing YOUR gifts! The next First Friday Adoration will be on Friday, 6 November.

Where does it happen?

In the church.

When do I show up?

Anytime between morning mass (8:30am) and benediction (6pm).

What's Benediction?

Benediction is a part of liturgy that takes about 10 minutes. It is basically the very reverend time to remove the Blessed Sacrament from the monstrance and place it back into the tabernacle. It is comprised of 5 parts:

- Incensing
- Praying the Collect of Corpus Christi
- Benediction
- Divine Praises
- Psalm 117

Benediction occurs at the end of the period of Adoration and refers to the actual blessing of the people by the celebrant with the monstrance containing the Blessed Sacrament before placing Jesus back in the tabernacle.

What's a monstrance?

A monstrance is the vessel used to display the Blessed Sacrament — the Real Presence of Jesus in the Host — on the altar surrounded by light. Ours looks a little like this —>

Do I have to sign up to pray?

No. If you do sign up — it's easier for us to make sure Jesus is never left alone — but please always feel welcome to come by and spend time in prayer and adoring our Lord Jesus.



If you haven't checked this website out yet — DO IT! The media blitz begins in the Season of Advent! And we need to start thinking about what this really means to us as a community! We are called to BE MORE — and to ready ourselves to receive our returning and/or new brothers and sisters — in the same way we prepare ourselves to receive the baby Jesus! Mary and Joseph were seeking a safe place in Bethlehem 2000 years ago. What would be different today? Who...and what might they find here in Paradise this Advent? And what role do we play in the answer to that question?

RETURNING CATHOLICS PRAYER

Dear Lord,

*May our hearts and minds be nourished
by your sustaining love,*

*May our words and actions be guided
by your ever present grace,*

*That all who seek to know you;
encounter you here,*

*That all who seek to serve you;
be welcomed to the vineyard*

*That all who seek to love you;
know that they are loved.*

*That all who seek to return
to their Catholic faith
may be welcomed and received.*

AMEN.

Clip Coupons for Hunger

Mothers and Others is collecting food coupons to be used to purchase food for the Table of Plenty. Please place all coupons cut from the newspaper or grocery store receipts, or bargain shopper flyers in the box located in the church vestibule. Thank you for your help in feeding those in need.

St. Vincent de Paul Annual Report

P.G.&E	\$5,532.00	Food Gift Cards	\$ 450.00
Water	301.00	Medical	330.00
Propane	1,371.00	Sr. R. Moss	200.00
Rent	3,020.00	Motel	681.00
Travel Aid	395.00		

Your donations to our ministry have helped many people in need. If you're interested in participating in this ministry please call Jan Bolger at 872.2083

MORE LIFELONG FORMATION STUFF!!!



Adult Faith Formation continues here at St. Thomas More EVERY Thursday from 7-8pm in the Small Hall. We continue for another 2 weeks on Pope Benedict's most recent encyclical, Love in the Truth (Caritas in Veritate), then a few more weeks of continuing Catechism Cliffs' Notes, and then we move forward into Advent with some special formation opportunities with Fr. Steven and friends! We are a community who believes that formation NEVER ends! Formation does NOT end with sacraments OR at any certain age. How we lived out faith out yesterday is not the same as how we will be called to live it out tomorrow. Our Catholic faith is always movin' and shakin'! This is one of the most wonderful things about being Catholic! So try it out! Attend one of our many ongoing formation opportunities! Are Thursdays no good for you? Here are some opportunities that take place on Sundays at our friends up (or down...whatever) the hill!

St. John's Parish in Chico is offering Adult Education twice a month on Sundays from 10:30 to 12:00!

Dates and topics include (some already happened):

- November 8 – Family Support (topic TBA*)
- November 22 - Advent / Liturgical Calendar
- December 13 – Family Support (topic TBA*)
- January 17 – Mass
- January 31 – Confirmation
- February 14 – Love and Marriage
- February 28 – Reconciliation
- March 14 – Family Support (topic TBA*)
- March 28 – Eucharistic Adoration
- April 18 – Eucharist (Communion)
- May 2 - Family Support (topic TBA*)

*Have faith struggles in your family? You're not alone. Are there topics that would help you in leading your family in holiness? Let us know we may be able to work on it on a family support day.

Contact abaumgartner@ndschico.org

Additionally — if you attend one of these and would like to let us know how it went or make a suggestion — please email Fr. Steven, Greg, Zooba, Lou, or Colleen!

Please offer your prayers for our brothers & sisters in Christ

Tillie Baca
Walt Barber
David J. Brown
Norton Buffalo
Erica Campbell
Darren Elliott
Mark Finn
Isabelella Huckins
Helen Huddleston
Debbie Miley
Rene Miller
Grace & Bob Nute
Elsie Peck
Val & Rene' Pelletier
Al Penna

Lorraine Reynolds
Bill Smith
John Snelgrove
Allen Snyder
Fred Stankoven
Martha Sulka
Bonnie Thibault
Marilyn Van Niel
Margaret Vandergrift
Alicia Vizenor
Albert Waelbrock
Dottie Waelbrock
Debbie Wilson
Julia Moran & Family

**Please pray for the recently deceased:
Edna Franich, Carmen Bertagna**

Thanksgiving Food Baskets

This year our parish will be giving out up to 200 food "baskets" to Ridge families for Thanksgiving. These bags will contain all the trimmings needed for a traditional Thanksgiving dinner. Each family will also receive their choice of either a turkey or a ham.

A second collection will be taken at all masses the weekend of Nov. 7th & 8th to fund this project. Your donations will allow us to purchase turkeys, hams, and all the trimmings for a complete Thanksgiving dinner.



If you prefer to donate actual food items, we could use **stuffing, olives, canned corn and green beans, cranberry sauce, gravy packets, frosting, and cake mixes.** Canned goods can be brought up to Altar and placed in the baskets during the Eucharist for the next three Sundays.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time (31 October/1 November)

First Reading: Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14

Second Reading: 1 John 3: 1-3

Gospel: Matthew 5: 1-12a



Theme: We become blessed by being children of God.

Question for Children: When have you become a peace-maker? Among your friends? In your family? At school? Other times?

Question for Young People: All Saints Day gives us a chance to remember the saints of our Church and of our lives. Who are the people who have been saints in your life?

Question for Adults: When you heard the Beatitudes today, which one did you hear most clearly as a summons for your own life?

Mass Intentions

~October 31-November 8, 2009 ~

Sat.	8:30am	Caroline Hubbert †
	5:00pm	Joe Caruana †
Sun.	8:00am	People of STM
	10:30am	Patricia Coupens †
	5:00pm	Lawrence Ussery †
Mon.	8:30am	Donald Pearce †
Tue.	8:30am	Jack Schilling †
Wed	8:30am	Mark Ferguson †
Thur.	8:30am	Marion C. & Edward Balben †
Fri.	8:30am	Edward H. Balben & Edward Balben †
Sat.	8:30am	Edward & Marion Balben †
	5:00pm	Isabel Ayala †
Sun.	8:00am	People of STM
	10:30am	Marian & Edward Balben †
	5:00pm	Vivian Frazier †

† Denotes deceased

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration will

begin in November at the Holy Family Adoration Chapel, located across the street from St. John the Baptist Church. We are blessed to have this chapel where we can spend time with Jesus in the Eucharist at any time of the day or night! Please call Debbie Simenc at 343.5546 for further information.



Sacrificial Donations

For the week of October 24, 2009

Our Regular Collection Weekly Goal is \$6,000.00

Regular Collection	\$	4,123.50
Youth Ministry	\$	2,010.00
Table of Plenty	\$	105.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$	15.00

Total Collections \$ 7,198.50

Thank you for your generosity.

"Table of Plenty" Food Ministry

Submitted by Teri Anderson

As this ministry expands and serves more of our brothers and sisters in need of food, we continue to rely on suggestions, prayers, and donations from so many generous parishioners. In September, Table of Plenty provided food for 149 families which included 395 people. This week we ask that you pray for all the families we are serving, that they may feel God's love and compassion through the help our parish provides. As the cold weather approaches, Table of Plenty is in need of **soups, chili, pasta, pasta sauce, and hot cereals. Several of the new families have babies therefore we are need of baby food and cereal.** We can use anything and everything that you'd like to leave in the baskets in the vestibule. Please consider bringing a donation with you to Mass next week. Thank you, parishioners, for your generous support! You are doing much more than providing food for those in need. You are sharing the love of Christ in a very practical way.

"For I was hungry and you gave me food. I was thirsty and you gave me drink...I assure you, as often as you did it for one of my brothers, you did it for me."

Matthew 25:35, 40

Diocesan - wide Single Adult Mass "JAZZ MASS"

St. Patrick/St. Vincent Jazz Choir
Nov. 14, 2009, 5:30 pm at St. Basil Church
1200 Tuolumne St., Vallejo, CA
Singles Meeting & Fellowship Potluck Dinner follow Mass. A carpool will be leaving STM at 2 PM. Please contact Priscilla 876-1983 or Carol at 873-0272 to sign up.

SINGLES ONE DAY RETTEAT~Dec. 13th - Saturday
Mercy Center - Auburn~Carpool from St. Thomas More
MORE INFORMATION TO COME



Between the ROCK...and a Good Space

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The reason that the world does not know us is that it did not know him

ROCK At-A-Glance

THE YEAR OF THE PRIEST

Saturday, 31 October
HAPPY BIRTHDAY SKYLER!
5pm — Liturgy
5pm — Trucks to Achieve Lot
6-8pm — Truck-or-Treat!

Sunday, 1 November
FEAST OF ALL SAINTS!
HAPPY BDAY EMI!
10:30am — Children's Liturgy
5pm — Liturgy & RCIA/Adults

Monday, 2 November
FEAST OF ALL SOULS'
6:30pm — The ROCK
Grades 7-12 (Basement)

Tuesday, 3 November
HAPPY B-DAY TOREYANO!

Wednesday, 4 November
FAITH FORMATION
BRING IN PICTURES FOR
ALTAR OF REMEMBRANCE!

3:00pm — Playground
3:30pm — Classrooms
4:30pm — Closing Prayer
4:45pm — Dismissal
6:30pm — Grades 6-9
Faith Formation (Basement)

Thursday, 5 November
HAPPY B-DAY KAYLA L!
6pm — Faith Formation
Grades 10-12
Achieve Room #5

7pm — Adults/Parents
Continuing Faith Formation
Small Hall

Sunday, 8 November
HAPPY B-DAY JOEY!
10:30am — Children's Liturgy
5pm — Liturgy & RCIA/Adults

Got questions about Faith
Formation or Youth Ministry
at St. Thomas More? Contact
Colleen at 514-3892 OR
colleen@stmpradise.com

LOTS OF SACRAMENTO FAITH FORMATION EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR EVERYONE COMING UP!

Seriously! How COOL is OUR Diocese!

- 11/2 → Recruiting, Training, and Sustaining Volunteers
- 11/7 → LIVE IT! An Event for Catholic Families
- 11/14 → Diocesan Jazz Mass
- 12/5 → Called and Chosen Young Adult Conference
- 12/15 → That's God on your iPod Workshop

Our Diocese of Sacramento truly DOES what its name implies! It offers MANY opportunities for us to *receive sacraments and to become sacrament to others* in our community! Don't be too busy! Don't make excuses! Sacramento is NOT that far! STM is an important part of our diocese! Check your calendar and contact Colleen for registration information! Take your faith to the next level and BE MORE!

New Additions to the Straight-A's Club!

Jesse Ballou	Becca Sanchez
Austin Hess	Jimmy Cleary
Kendal Hasek	Andrew Hasek
Lauryn Gregorio	Michael Gregorio

There are more out there! Let's keep adding to the list! Keep up the good work!

Try Prayer! It Works Contest 2010!

<http://www.hcfm.org/main/prayer-try.php>
Check it out!

Diocese of Sacramento
Black Catholic Ministry
presents



An EVENT for Catholic young people and their families!!!
Many of us claim to be Catholic, but don't live it out in our everyday lives. LIVE IT! challenges both young people and their parents as well as other adults to take their beliefs seriously and hold each other accountable. This gathering calls and inspires us to build not only healthy Catholic families, but also the kingdom of God here on earth! Our Diocese of Sacramento takes our Catholic faith SERIOUSLY!

Date: NEXT Saturday, 11/7
2:30-6pm FREE!!!

Location: Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, 1951 North Ave, Sacramento, CA 95838

Introducing...*The Sasquatch Gang*

Review: *Toy Story* and *Toy Story 2* in 3D

This was a fun and exciting spin on a classic story. The story starts by introducing a fun-loving young boy named Andy who adores playing with his favorite cowboy doll. But the loved and "well used" cowboy doll, Woody, is shocked when he finds that he has lost his superior ranking above the other toys in the household and has been replaced by a new spaceman action figure. This unexpected visitor goes by the name Buzz Lightyear and it isn't long before a rivalry develops between Woody and Buzz. Because of their constant bickering and jealousy the two toys find themselves lost in the city and must now work together to find a way back home. This classic tale is a great representation of how enemies can soon become friends when all judgments are set aside and everyone is given a fair chance to be loved. In *Toy Story 2* all the characters return and are just as hilarious as ever. When Woody attempts a rescue mission for another toy that was placed in a yard sale, he is found by an obsessive collector of used toys. Upon seeing this, Andy's other toys decide to venture outside of the house and search the city for their lost friend. Meanwhile Woody discovers a side of himself that he never knew existed...This story is fun for the whole family as some new characters bring more even more excitement to the old gang. The 3D effects weren't as impressive as expected but we still agree that both movies are a must-see for all families. The special event also included a sneak peek at the newest movie *Toy Story 3*. As Andy prepares to leave for college the old gang finds themselves donated to a preschool and must now try to survive the terrible twos...Watch out for this latest addition to the Toy Story movies coming out in June of 2010.

RATING BY TEAM SASQUATCH: 3 THUMBS UP!



Keep watching this page for continued periodic movie reviews by our young people! ROCK ON!!!

SASQUATCH CODE:

- = SEE IT!
- = RENT IT!
- = SKIP IT!