

Sunday, October 1, 2017  
17th Sunday After Pentecost



<b>Sun. 1 Oct.</b> 8:00 am 10:30 am 1:30 pm 6:00 pm	<b><u>17th Sunday After Pentecost, II Class</u></b> †Mary Daley Pro Populo John & Elaine Testa The Ho Family
<b>Mon 2 Oct.</b> 7:00 am 12:15 pm	<b><u>Holy Guardian Angels, III Class</u></b> †Mary Daley Mary Lackey
<b>Tues. 3 Oct.</b>  7:00 am 6:30 pm	<b><u>St. Theresa of the Infant Jesus, III Class</u></b> †Song Nash Barbara Cogan
<b>Wed. 4 Oct.</b>  7:00 am 12:15 pm	<b><u>St. Francis of Assisi, Deacon &amp; Confessor, III Class</u></b> Amy Culbreath Jaelin Lim
<b>Thurs. 5 Oct.</b> 7:00 am 6:30 pm	<b><u>Feria, IV Class</u></b> Amy Culbreath St. Monica Sodality
<b>Fri. 6 Oct.</b> 7:00 am 12:15 pm 6:30 pm	<b><u>St. Bruno, Confessor, III Class</u></b> The Amerman Children The Ho Family Devin Jacob Garber
<b>Sat. 7 Oct.</b> 7:00 am 9:00 am	<b><u>Our Lady of the Rosary, II Class</u></b> The Ho Family Caleb Munsill
<b>Sun. 8 Oct.</b> 8:00 am 10:30 am 1:30 pm 6:00 pm	<b><u>18th Sunday After Pentecost, II Class</u></b> Amy Culbreath Pro Populo †Sarah Viera For the Conversion of D. Mathews

***...In Memoriam***

†Maria Lopresti, †George Klopf, †Nell Keim, †John Reyes,  
†Margaret Melusky, †Robert O’Kane, †Savino Salierno,  
†Beverly Longtin, †Donald Strahota, †Ursula Uclaray,  
†Marina Servande, †Rizal Robancho, †Mike McGrath,  
†Sarah Viera, †Mary Daley, †James Greenwell,  
†Josef Schuchmann, †Paulette Brady, †Felipa Lopez,  
†Jorge Munoz, †William J. Foy, †Patricia Becker,

**Important Upcoming Dates**

Oct. 7—Our Lady of the Rosary  
Oct. 7—Girls Groups meet  
Oct. 13—Fatima Procession  
Oct. 18—29th Anniversary of Fraternity of St. Peter  
Oct. 21—Altar Guild meets  
Oct. 29—Feast of Christ the King  
Nov. 11—Annual Women’s Day Retreat

**The Gift of Wisdom**

The gift of understanding enables us to penetrate God’s mysteries; the gift of wisdom takes us further: it lets us taste them and gives us a delightful knowledge of them. This is the *savory knowledge* of which St. Bernard speaks, the untranslatable “*dulce sapere*” invoked by St. Thomas in the *Adoro Te Devote*; it is the precious gift which the Holy Spirit offers us in the words: “*Gustate et videte quam bonus sit Dominus*” (*Ps* 33, 9). “Taste and see that the Lord is sweet.” It is not by chance that it is first said *taste*, and then *see*, for by the gift of wisdom we know God by the experience of the heart which “tastes” the object loved.

There are two ways of knowing: a speculative, intellectual way, and an experimental way, resulting from a kind of “connaturality” with the object of our knowledge. The latter is not so clear, but it is much deeper than the former, and grasps the inner substance of things. Thus, for example, because of the affinity of thought and affection that binds a mother to her child, she knows its heart much better than any other person. Similar to this is the knowledge of divine subjects which we acquire by means of the gift of wisdom. Between God and us there is a certain “connaturality,” a certain similarity, produced by the love which unites us to Him and in some way assimilates us to Him; even more, St. Paul does not hesitate to say that “He who is joined to the Lord, is one spirit” (I *Cor* 6, 17).

The gift of wisdom enables us to know God and divine things precisely through this “connaturality,” and therefore gives us a delightful experience of them through the love which is its source. This experience seizes the soul in its very center, that is, in the will, forcibly drawing it to God and at the same time, inundating the intellect with the floods of light. The gift of wisdom acts somewhat like the rays of the sun which give heat and light at the same time. Its warmth quickens charity in the soul, and through this enkindling of love, the soul is enlightened concerning the divine realities and is enabled to judge of them, because it knows intuitively their infinite goodness and their absolute superiority over all created things. “Oh, the depth of the riches of . . . God!” (*Rom* 11, 33). This is the cry of the soul inflamed and illuminated by the gift of wisdom.

All the gifts of the Holy Spirit are closely connected with charity, for they abound only in souls who possess charity, and they develop in the measure that charity increases. However, the gift of wisdom has a very special relationship to the love of charity, primarily because it is set in action by means of charity. St. Thomas says, “The cause of the gift of wisdom is found in the will, and it is charity”; therefore, the more a soul loves God, the more capable it becomes of receiving the motions of this gift.

(*Divine Intimacy* by Fr. Gabriel of St. Mary Magdalen)

***From the Pastor***

As most of you are aware, October is the month of the Holy Rosary. Hopefully, during this centenary of Our Lady’s appearances at Fatima, we’ll all recommit ourselves to praying the Rosary daily – every month of the year! You might even find time to pray a second or third Rosary. Remember how Our Blessed Mother replied when asked by Lucia whether or not nine year old Francisco would go to heaven: “He too shall go, but he must say many Rosaries.” Further, if we want the chaos in our world and in our Church to stop, we must pray the Rosary. The fate of the world is in our hands.

**This coming Saturday, Oct. 7,** is the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. There will be a sung, high Mass, at 9 a.m. Come and honor Our Blessed Mother under the title which she gave herself at Fatima.

**Friday, Oct. 13,** will be our last Fatima procession of the year. The procession will follow the 6:30 p.m. Mass. This is a great opportunity to honor Our Blessed Mother on the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of her sixth appearance at Fatima, and to commemorate the “miracle of the sun” which took place on that day.

**Feast of the Guardian Angels**

Come to Mass Tomorrow, Monday, Oct. 2, to thank the Lord for the gift of your Guardian Angel. Don’t forget to pray the Guardian Angel prayer daily:

***O angel of God, my guardian dear, to whom God’s love commits me here. Ever this day be at my side to light, to guard, to rule and guide. Amen.***

**Italian Luncheon**  
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Saturday, October 7 from 12:00 noon to 3:00 pm  
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**Prayer to St. Joseph**

V. He made him lord of his house.  
R. And prince over all his possessions.

*Let us pray:*

O God, in Thy marvelous providence, Thou hast deigned to choose St. Joseph to be the spouse of Thy most holy Mother. We ask Thee to grant that we may deserve to have him for our intercessor in heaven, whom on earth we venerate as our protector; who livest and reignest forever and ever. Amen.

**Dear Parish Family,**

Our All Hallows' Eve Party is just around the corner!

Enjoy an evening celebrating the saints with prayer, food, games, candy, pumpkins, and lots more!

We do need help with our game booths, setting up for the party and cleaning up afterwards. Your contributions are appreciated to help offset the costs of food and candy. Envelopes may be found in the pews and vestibule for this purpose. The envelopes may be placed in the collection or turned in at the bookstore.

**Schedule of Events**  
**Tuesday, October 31st**

5:00 - 5:30 : Litany of Saints (inside the church)  
5:30 - 6:00 : Parade of Saints (inside the gym)  
6:00 - 8:00 : Food (in the gym) & Games (in the field)  
8:00 - 8:30 - Campfire Stories (in the field, weather permitting); Rosary  
8:30 - 9:00 : Clean-up

If you have any questions about this family event, or would like to help, please contact:

Judy Kasak  
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**Save the Date. Saturday, January 27, 2018.**  
**14th Walk-for-Life West Coast.**

Once again, we will be offering sandwiches and drinks after all 8:00am, 10:30am and 1:30pm Sunday Masses in October, beginning Oct. 8th. Funds raised will help secure St. Stephens’s bus for the Walk and reduce the cost per ticket. Help is needed in all areas. Please contact Mike (916-335-4553) or Kathleen (916-204-9125) to volunteer. Sign-up sheet in the vestibule beginning this weekend.

**~ Summer Dress Code ~**

Please recall that everyone is expected to dress with modesty and in a way befitting the house of God. Our choice of clothing is an expression of our worship; it may also affect the ability of others to worship. Dress should conceal rather than reveal. There is a sign in the vestibule that gives more details regarding proper dress. It is further expected that modesty in dress be maintained on the church grounds at all times.

We do request that the correction of visitors in this matter be left to the priests or their delegates.

***Please Keep in Your Prayers ...***

Renee Burns, Barbara Graichen, Sue McGrath, Sandy Sneary, Barbara Jeong, John Newaz, Jim Carlson, Darryl Gallagher, Fr. Goodwin, Margaret Northan, Jean Haun, Sandra De Monaco, Pamela Lewis, Helen DiCarlo, Barbara Cogan, Ramon and Robert Daley, Liz Nicolini, Julie Jeong, William (Pat) Cummings, Lorraine Peterson, John Testa



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**MASS SCHEDULE**  
**TRADITIONAL ROMAN RITE**

**Sunday:** 8:00 a.m. Low Mass  
10:30 a.m. High Mass  
1:30 p.m. Low Mass  
6:00 p.m. Low Mass

**Monday:** 7:00 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.

**Tuesday:** 7:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

**Wednesday:** 7:00 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.

**Thursday:** 7:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

**Friday:** 7:00 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

**Saturday:** 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m.

**Holy Days:** Please call the office or consult the bulletin or website

**DEVOTIONS**

**Rosary:**

- Sunday: 7:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m., and after the 1:30 p.m. Mass
- Following the 12:15 p.m. Mass on weekdays

**Holy Face Novena:** 5:30 p.m. every Tuesday

**St. Monica Novena:** First Thursday of every month, following the 6:30 p.m. Mass

**Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena:** after 6:30 p.m. Mass every Tuesday

**Fatima Procession:** 13th of every month- May to October - following the 6:30 p.m. Mass on weekdays, the 9:00 a.m. Mass on Saturdays, and the 1 p.m. Mass on Sundays

**Men's Holy League:** 3rd Wednesday of each month. Holy Hour 7pm—8 pm

**Knights of Columbus:** 3rd Wednesday of each month, 6 pm

**CONFESSION**

- One half hour before all Masses
- Saturdays 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

**EXPOSITION AND BENEDICTION**  
**THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT**

**Thursday:** 3:00 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.

**Friday:** After 6:30 p.m. Mass

**Saturday:** After 7:00 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. (Holy Hour for Vocations)

**First Friday:** Benediction after 12:15 p.m. Mass

**SICK CALLS**

If anyone is in need of the Sacraments (i.e. homebound) please call the parish office. If it is an **emergency**, outside of office hours, dial (916) 455-5114, then press 1, and the priest-on-call will be paged immediately.

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