

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 8, 2017

2017 Respect Life Statement: "Be Not Afraid"

Once again, we mark the month of October as Respect Life Month. Looking back over the last year, there's been a lot of uncertainty, suffering, and heartache. Between tragedies that occur in the public eye and trials that take place in our personal lives, there's no shortage of reasons we cry out to God. At such times, we may feel alone and unequipped to handle the circumstances. But we have an anchor of hope to cling to. With words that echo through thousands of years into the corners of our hearts, God says to us, "Do not fear: I am with you" (Isaiah 41:10). The 2017-2018 Respect Life theme, "Be Not Afraid," reminds us of this promise.

God isn't a detached, distant observer to our pain; the Eternal Son became man and Himself experienced immense suffering—for you and for me. His wounds indicate the very essence of our identity and worth: we are loved by God.

There are times we may doubt the value of our own lives or falter at the thought of welcoming and embracing the life of another. But reflecting on the healed wounds of the Risen Christ, we can see that even our most difficult trials can be the place where God manifests his victory. He makes all things beautiful. He makes all things new. He is the God of redemption. That's powerful. That's something to hold onto. And, He is always with us. Jesus promised this when he gave the disciples the same mission he gives to each of us: Go.

As followers of Jesus Christ, we know that our identity and our mission are two sides of the same coin; like the apostles, we are called to be missionary disciples. We are not only invited to follow and take refuge in God, our stronghold, but we are also commissioned to reach out to one another, especially to the weak and vulnerable. Building a culture of life isn't something we just do one month of the year, or with one event or initiative—it's essential to who we are. It happens through our daily actions, how we treat one another, and how we live our lives.

How do we respond when our aging parents are in failing health? Do they know how much we love them and cherish each day given? Do we ensure they know they are never a burden to us? In our own challenging times, do we ask for support? When others offer a helping hand, do we receive it? When our friend becomes pregnant in difficult circumstances, do we show compassion that tangibly supports her and helps her welcome the life of her new little one?

Sometimes, we may not be sure exactly what to do, but let's not allow the fear of doing the wrong thing or saying the wrong thing keep us from living out our missionary call. We don't need to have everything figured out all at once. Let's remember the guidance of Our Blessed Mother, the first disciple: "Do whatever he tells you" (John 2:5)....

This Respect Life Month and always, let's walk with each other; let's help each other embrace God's gift of human life. Whatever storms or trials we face, we are not alone. He is with us: "Behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age" (Matthew 28:20).

Timothy Cardinal Dolan
Chairman, USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities
October 2017

DAILY MASS READINGS

Monday: Jonah 1:1-2:2, 11; Luke 10:25-37
Tuesday: Jonah 3:1-10; Luke 10:38-42
Wednesday: Jonah 4:1-11; Luke 11:1-4
Thursday: Malachi 3:13-20b; Luke 11:5-13
Friday: Joel 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Luke 11:15-26
Saturday: Joel 4:12-21; Luke 11:27-28
Sunday: Isaiah 25:6-10a; Matthew 22:1-14

This Week's Program Schedule

Monday, October 9

8:00AM	Mass	Church
8:30AM	Bible Study	Lounge
6:00PM	Adoration/Reconciliation	Church
6:15PM	YLI Officer's Meeting	Conf. Rm
7:30PM	YLI General Meeting	Lounge

Tuesday, October 10

8:00AM	Mass	Church
6:30PM	Charismatic Prayer Group	Lounge

Wednesday, October 11

10:00AM	Bible Study	Conf. Rm
1:00PM	Mass @ CSUS	Lakeside Rm.
4:00-5:00PM	1 st Session CRE	Church
5:15-6:30PM	2 nd Session CRE	Church
6:45-8:00PM	3 rd Session CRE	Church

Thursday, October 12

Friday, October 13

4:30PM	Mass	Church
5:15PM	International Rosary	Church

Saturday, October 14

6:15AM	That Man is You!	Church
3:30PM	Reconciliation	Church
5:00PM	Mass	Church
6:30PM	Journey Welcoming	Church

Sunday, October 15

9:00AM	Mass	Church
9:00AM	Children's Liturgy	Conf. Rm
6:00PM	Mass	Church
7:15PM	CSA	Conf. Rm

Something for our Children!

Can you unscramble the following words from today's Gospel?

PSSIERT	EESRLD	NYEOURJ
NNTTAES	NREOW	RIUTF

Answers on the next page→

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Give back to the Lord a sacrifice, a share of what the Lord has so generously given to you.

Last Sunday's Offertory: \$ 7,578.98

Respect Life: \$ 2,189.75

Thank you and God bless you!

FALL FESTIVAL AND SILENT AUCTION

Sunday, October 8 from 10:00AM to 2:00PM

Come and join the fun at our Fall Festival and Silent Auction! Pulled pork sandwiches and a drink will be sold for \$5.00 and hotdogs with chips and a drink will sell for \$3.00. All beverages will be sold for \$1.00 each. There will be a cakewalk, games, petting zoo, face painting, and plenty of music, something fun and interesting for all family members!

We would like to thank **Gabriel Jewelers** for the donation of the diamond necklace for our raffle.

SPECIAL THANKS to **The Flowery** for all the beautiful centerpieces and flower arrangements donated for our Church Cheers and Fall Festival events. Special thanks as well to **Custom Lock Smith** and to **Garton Tractor** for their donations of our raffle prizes. God bless each of you for your generosity!

INTERNATIONAL ROSARY: An international rosary will be prayed in honor of the Virgin Mary's final appearance at Fatima. Please join us on Friday, October 13 after the 4:30pm Mass for prayer in several languages to honor the 100th Anniversary of the miracle at Fatima, Portugal.

JOURNEY IN CHRISTIANITY WEEKEND RETREAT:

Journey in Christianity, an organization focusing on Christian renewal through Catholic service, is sponsoring a weekend retreat on October 13-15 in Sonora. The Journey experience is an opportunity to share and encounter Christ in each other. The weekend is a great way to jump start or recharge your faith. Anyone interested in further information contact James Russell at (209) 298-1846 or Carrie Russell at (209) 298-2298.

OCTOBER: RESPECT LIFE MONTH: The annual Public Reparation Rosary will be recited in front of the Planned Parenthood Clinic, 1431 McHenry Ave., Modesto on Saturday, October 14. We will begin at 12:00 Noon. No signs, No protest, only PRAYING. Bring your rosary and join us in prayer. For more information call Dr. Stephanie at 209-622-0343.

THIS WEEKEND'S 2ND COLLECTION is for the *Building Fund*. Thank you for your generous support.

RETRouvaille: You can help your marriage. Retrouvaille helps couples rebuild their marriages at any level of difficulty. For information, or to register for the Modesto Retrouvaille program beginning with a weekend on October 27-29, visit their website at www.HelpOurMarriage.com, email Modesto@RetroCA.com, or call 209-232-5315.

This week's helpers include ...

Altar Linens ~ Marian Jessee

Thank you and God bless you for your unselfish service!

PUZZLE SOLUTIONS: PRIESTS, ELDERS, JOURNEY, TENANTS, OWNER, FRUIT. How did you do?

TIPS FOR TITHING

What we give to God is God's share of the blessings we have received from Him. They are needed to carry on the work of God in and through the Church. What we give to God is not charity but is that of our Christian obligation. Charity done for individuals or organizations cannot be a substitute for tithing.

MASS INTENTIONS

5:00PM	Sat., Oct. 7	Margaret Novotny†
9:00AM	Sun., Oct. 8	Memorial Tree Souls†
6:00PM	Sun., Oct. 8	All Saints Community
8:00AM	Mon., Oct. 9	Jack Shaw†
8:00AM	Tues., Oct. 10	Elaine Lorenz†
4:30PM	Fri., Oct. 13	Rita Roeck†

SPECIAL PRAYERS

Please pray for our sick community members and friends:

<i>Gustavo Delgadillo</i>	<i>Socorro Aguilar</i>	<i>Ed H</i>
<i>Peggy Howard</i>	<i>Rita Yonan</i>	<i>Victor Rodriguez</i>
<i>Diane Anderson</i>	<i>Linda Seymour</i>	<i>Stephen...</i>
<i>Jim Perdomo</i>	<i>Don Soares</i>	<i>Lois Jumper</i>
<i>Carol Soares</i>	<i>Catherine Harris</i>	<i>Fe Moran</i>
<i>Cynthia Basco</i>	<i>Jackie Ferreira</i>	<i>Linda Crabtree</i>
<i>Edie Ferrari</i>	<i>Leontina Pereira</i>	<i>Sharon...</i>
<i>Patti & Tom Scott</i>	<i>Robert A. France</i>	<i>Ed Rocha</i>
<i>Matthew...</i>	<i>Manuel Castillo</i>	<i>Giovanni Sahagun</i>
<i>Joanne Mattos</i>	<i>Isabel Rodriguez</i>	<i>Taylor A.</i>
<i>Ed & Stephanie Chambers</i>	<i>Carlos Perales</i>	<i>Wayne Maass</i>
<i>Fred Santos</i>	<i>Artie Romero</i>	<i>Raul Campusano</i>
<i>Guadalupe Ramirez-Villegas</i>	<i>Russell Van Hook</i>	<i>Kevin Downs</i>
<i>Kathy Guinnane</i>	<i>Kathy Molina</i>	<i>Shelly...</i>
<i>Edward Lytle</i>	<i>Ray Morris</i>	<i>Taylor Holt</i>
<i>Michelle Basco-Rogers</i>	<i>David Brian Baca</i>	<i>William Jackson</i>
<i>Josephina Camacho</i>	<i>Ann Nguyen</i>	<i>Janet Fiorini</i>
<i>Efren Ramirez</i>	<i>Kristy B.</i>	<i>Eddie Sai, III</i>
<i>Elena Sandoval</i>	<i>Beto Garcia</i>	<i>Ubaldo Sanchez</i>
<i>Doree O'Connell</i>	<i>Fred Clerici</i>	<i>Andres...</i>
<i>The Merchant Family</i>	<i>Jeanne New</i>	

Your special prayers for these and others suffering from illness are gratefully appreciated. Thank you and God bless you!

Notify the office if you have anyone you would like to place on our list of persons in need of prayer due to illness. So that space will always be available for your loved ones, names will be kept on our list for three months. (However, your prayer requests can be renewed.)

RCIA

Any adult wishing to embrace the Catholic faith or any Catholic wishing to be confirmed should contact Michael Fuller by calling the church office at 669-0473.

CATHOLIC STUDENTS ASSOCIATION (CSA)

No meeting after the 6:00pm Mass. See you at the Fall Festival!!

Rosary on Campus, Monday, October 9 at 12:00PM: Please meet at the CSA booth on campus.

Hiking Adventure, Wednesday, October 11 at 8:00AM: Meet in the All Saints parking lot.

All college students are welcome.

NEXT WEEKEND'S 2ND COLLECTION will be for *World Mission Sunday/Catholic University of America*. God bless you for your continued support.

RETREAT FOR THE FEMININE HEART is Saturday, October 14 at St. Stanislaus Church in Modesto. With each \$30 ticket, one gentleman will be entitled to attend the 2-hour men's workshop on Friday, October 13, 7-9pm, at the J St. church. If you have questions, contact Anne Fultz or Cathy Pietanza at afultz1966@gmail.com or cpietanza@gmail.com. You can call either of them at 209-484-2633 or 209-324-2092.